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I send greetings to those gathered for the Energy 2006 conference.

Keeping America competitive requires renewable and affordable energy. As a forum for the exchange of ideas and discussion about energy and conservation issues, this event is important to a secure energy future for our children and grandchildren. Your participation in the 2006 Energy conference and your hard work to conserve energy in the workplace will help create a better America.

Since 2001, my Administration has invested nearly \$10 billion in the development of cleaner, cheaper, and more reliable alternative energy sources, and our Federal agencies must continue to lead the way in conservation and research. Last August, I was pleased to sign the Energy Policy Act of 2005, the first national energy plan in more than a decade. This law encourages conservation and efficiency, helps increase our domestic energy production, promotes alternative and renewable resources, and enables the modernization of our electricity grid. To ensure that the Federal Government sets a positive example, the Energy Policy Act established aggressive Federal energy savings goals and reauthorized the Energy Savings Performance Contract program. These contracts provide agencies with opportunities to improve energy efficiency at the thousands of Federal buildings across our country. I encourage government officials to utilize ESPCs and Super ESPCs to meet their energy use reduction goals and advance the growth and prosperity of our great country while being good stewards of taxpayer dollars and our environment.

I appreciate the sponsors and participants of this conference, and I commend all those who are committed to energy conservation and efficiency in government and across the country. Your efforts help improve our national and economic security and strengthen America for future generations.

Laura and I send our best wishes for a successful event.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "George W. Bush", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.